



Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016 at 7:00PM
Royal Oak Public Library, Friends Auditorium
222 E. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Members Present: Kyle DuBuc, Jason Gittinger, Camille Lecoutre, Gene Meadows, Denise Reske, Debra Soverinsky

Ex-Officio: James Krizan, Judy Davids

Excused: Jodie Ellison

1. **Call To Order:** by Jason Gittinger at 7:02 pm
2. **Agenda:** Motion to approve by Camille Lecoutre, supported by Debra Soverinsky. Approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes** from August 10, 2016 meeting: Motion by Camille Lecoutre, supported by Gene Meadows. Approved unanimously.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Old Business**

A. Public Art

- i. Updates on Meters Made Beautiful:
 1. Plans are to continue the program next year.
 2. Maria Elliot was a big part of the program this year.

Motion: by Camille Lecoutre to formally recognize Maria Elliot for her dedication to the arts in Royal Oak. Supported by Gene Meadows and unanimously approved.

- ii. Certificates were created for student artwork judged by Judge Meinecke during Celebration of the Arts.

B. Community Engagement and Finance

- i. Judy Davids discussed the City's Bike Education, including a project for bike racks. Goal is to introduce public art into the citywide bike campaign.
- ii. Addition to Strategic Plan: Establish a donor engagement strategy.

C. Public Piano Project

- i. Jason Gittinger provided an update, noting that people are using the piano and the project is going well.

D. Art Explored Tour – Detroit Cycle Pub – Recap

- i. Tours at the last of the Summer Concert Series were well received.

E. Art on Library Lawn

- i. James Krizan updated the Commission on dedicated lawn space.

The Commission for the Arts' mission is to encourage and support Arts and Culture in the City of Royal Oak.

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6. New Business

A. Public Art Ordinance

- i. James Krizan noted that Staff is investigating the possibility of mandating art involvement in certain city projects.

B. Art in City Hall

- i. James Krizan informed the Commission of a city employee idea to put art in City Hall.

7. General Announcements

Debra Soverinsky informed the Commission that she will not be requesting her appointment be renewed and will be stepping away at year-end.

- 8. Adjournment:** Motion by Camille Lecoutre to adjourn at 8:30 pm, supported by Debra Soverinsky. Approved unanimously.
- 9. Next Meeting:** October 12, 2016; 7:00 pm, Royal Oak Public Library